



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/774,272	02/06/2004	Christoph Andreas Roth	008932-0876-999	8488
51832	7590	05/03/2007	EXAMINER	
JONES DAY 222 EAST 41ST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10017-6702			SWIGER III, JAMES L	
		ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER	
		3733		
		MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE	
		05/03/2007	PAPER	

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/774,272	ROTH ET AL.	
	Examiner: James L. Swiger	Art Unit 3733	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James L. Swiger.

(3) Eduardo C. Robert.

(2) Tom Scully.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 25 April 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

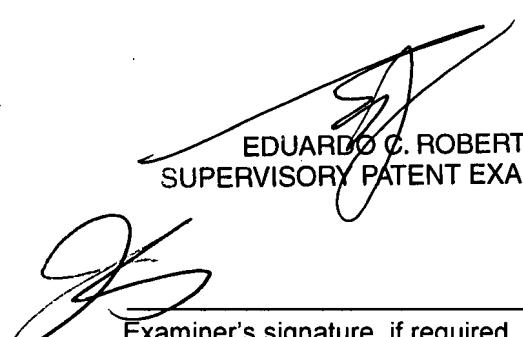
Identification of prior art discussed: Fujiwara (US Patent 6,406,477).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.



EDUARDO C. ROBERT
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Representative for applicant wished to discuss previous NonFinal rejection mailed 12/28/2006. Examiner continued to assert that the way the teeth hold on to the second implant with respect to the first is that the device is at least capable of engaging. Engaging is interpreted as a broad concept in that the act of "engaging" can be construed as at least being in contact or some level of connection or securing. It is not required that the engagement be completely secure, tight, or rigid. Regarding the level of engagement, The claim at least requires "substantially to prevent rotation" to support this concept. Further, due to the variance in engagement, Fujiwara is fully capable of "simultaneously permitting sliding" as required by the claims. Further amendment may require further search and consideration..